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H. R. 4578

To authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VELA (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. KATKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Counter Terrorist Net-
5 work Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DUTY TO COUNTER TERRORIST NETWORKS; DE-**
7 **TAILS AND ASSIGNMENT.**

8 Section 411 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
9 (6 U.S.C. 211) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (g)(4)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (C)—

2 (i) in clause (vi), by striking “and” at
3 the end;

4 (ii) by redesignating clause (vii) as
5 clause (viii); and

6 (iii) by inserting after clause (vi) the
7 following new clause:

8 “(vii) collaborate with appropriate
9 agencies, including Federal, State, local,
10 tribal, and international entities, to en-
11 hance border security through operations
12 such as operations that seek to disrupt and
13 dismantle networks, including foreign ter-
14 rorist organizations (as such term is de-
15 scribed in section 219 of the Immigration
16 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)), that
17 pose terrorist or other threats; and”;

18 (2) by redesignating subsections (p) through (r)
19 as subsections (q) through (s), respectively; and

20 (3) by inserting after subsection (o) the fol-
21 lowing new subsection:

22 “(p) ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL.—The Commis-
23 sioner may detail or otherwise assign personnel of U.S.
24 Customs and Border Protection to other appropriate agen-
25 cies, including to serve overseas in support of global infor-

1 mation sharing partnership operations in furtherance of
2 enhancing border security, including by preventing entry
3 into the United States by individuals known or suspected
4 of being associated with a network, including a foreign ter-
5 rorist organization (as such term is described in section
6 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
7 1189)), that poses terrorist or other threats.”.

8 **SEC. 3. BRIEFINGS.**

9 The Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
10 tection shall biannually brief the Committee on Homeland
11 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-
12 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
13 of the Senate regarding activities, during the prior six
14 months, in furtherance of clause (vii) of section 411(g)(4)
15 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
16 211(g)(4)), as added by section 2 of this Act. Such brief-
17 ings may be provided in a classified setting if the Commis-
18 sioner determines such is appropriate.

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